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SUBJECT: SHRIMP FISHING BAN

1. ON JAN. 8, 1976, PANAMA'S DIRECTOR OF MARINE RESOURCES, DR. CARLOS ARELLANO LENOX, ANNOUNCED A BAN ON SHRIMPING DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1976 XBR THE BLANCO, TITI, AND CARABALI VARIETIES. THIS IS A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR'S ATTEMPT TO PROTECT THESE VARIETIES DURING THE SPAWNING SEASON, AND REFLECTS GOP CONCERN OVER CONTINUING DECLINE IN SHRIMP LANDINGS-TRADITIONALLY A MAJOR EXPORT. HEAVY FINES ARE PROMISED FOR VIOLATORS.

2. LAST YEARS BAN WAS SUCCESSFUL, WITH AN APRIL 1975 CATCH 20 PERCENT GREATER THAN IN APRIL 1974. ALTHOUGH THE SUSPENSION PERIOD WAS USED FOR BOAT MAINTENANCE AND CREW VACATIONS, CONTINUING PRESSURE ON THE SHRIMP INDUSTRY FROM HIGH FUEL COSTS AND LOW SHRIMP PRICES MAKES POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF BAN SEEM ILLUSORY TO SHRIMPERS.

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3. COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1974-75 SHRIMP CATCH WILL BE

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